



WASHINGTON STATE SENATE COMMITTEE SERVICES EMPLOYMENT POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

*Research Analyst or Counsel Position
Water, Energy and Environment Committee*

The Washington State Senate office of Senate Committee Services (SCS) is currently recruiting to fill a position as a research analyst or counsel on the, Water, Energy and Environment Committee. This is a full-time, non-partisan position, exempt from civil service.

SCS provides non-partisan professional staff for the thirteen standing committees of the Washington State Senate. SCS staff assist Senators in researching, developing and evaluating policy alternatives that are relevant, objective, and creative to achieve Senators' policy goals and objectives.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In supporting committees of the Washington State Senate, staff research analysts and counsel are required to:

- Conduct thorough legal, policy, and fiscal research and analysis.
- Develop and evaluate policy and budget alternatives for Senators, often making recommendations to accomplish the intended objectives of the Senators.
- Draft and analyze legislation and other legislative documents.
- Present legislation and policy issues to committees of the Senate.
- Monitor and evaluate implementation of legislation by state and local government agencies.
- Respond to inquiries on a wide variety of policy and budget issues related to the committee assignment areas.
- Develop appropriate professional relationships with state agency staff and interest groups.
- Provide other non-partisan staff support to Senators.

DESIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- **A law degree (active or inactive) or advanced degree in public administration, business administration, political science, or other related fields is required.**
- Substantiative knowledge in drinking water standards; wastewater treatment; persistent bioaccumulative toxins; hazardous wastes; toxic cleanups; oil spill prevention; or water quality issues.
- A minimum of five years of legislative or other public policymaking experience.

- Demonstrated research, analytical, and problem solving abilities.
- Strong oral, written, and interpersonal communication skills.
- Proficiency in multiple computer software applications, including word-processing software, applications involving spreadsheets and databases, presentation applications and on-line research.
- A willingness to work long, irregular hours.
- The capability to handle complex and difficult situations that a fast-paced, results-oriented, high pressure legislative environment offers.

SALARY:

Salary will be based on experience and education, with a likely range from approximately \$42,000 to \$78,000 per year.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Interested applicants should submit: (1) a letter of interest describing specific qualifications for the position; (2) a current resume detailing experience and education; and (3) a minimum of three references with current telephone numbers to:

Richard Rodger, Director
Senate Committee Services
PO Box 40466
Olympia, Washington 98504-0466

Applications must be received by 5:00 PM, July 31, 2006. Interviewing and selection will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

*Electronic applications: send to Judy Rus at rus.judy@leg.wa.gov
Phone contact: Judy Rus at (360) 786-7417*

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